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on a stove in Death valley at 12 o'clock

grass and cucumbers in the icebox and ice cream and home and the Maumee river and a whole lot of things you can't find in the desert. Wall, I got him to his feet next mornin'. We had

some trouble and was detained a spell in Barstow after that. They couldn't prove nothin', so they let us go. Then Collie got to talkin' again about a Cal-

Collie got to taikin' again about a Cal-ifornia road that wiggled up a hill and through a canyon and had one of these here ole mission bells where it lit off for the sky ranch. Funny, for he was never in California then. Mebby it

was the old postcard he got at Albu-querque. You see, his pe bought it for him cause he wanted it. He was only a kid then. Collie, he says it's

only a kid than. Collie, he says it's the only thing his pe ever did buy for him, and so he kept it till it was about wore out from lookin' at it. But considerin' how his pa acted, I guess that was about all Collie needed to remember him by. Anyhow, he dreamed of that read and told me so much about it that I got to lookin' for it too. I knowed of the cid fil Camino Real and the hells, so we kept our eye peeled for that particular dream road, kind of for fun. We found her yesterday."

"What, this? The road to our ranch?"

"Uhuh. Collie, he said so the minute

"Uhuh. Collie, he said so the minute
we got in that emyon, Meonstone
canyon, you said. We're restin' up and
enjoyin' the scenery. We need the
rest, for only last week we resigned
from doin' a stant in a movin' picture

rest, for only last week we resigned from doin's stunt in a movin' picture outfit. They wanted somebody to do native some. We said we didn't have them kind of clothes, but the foreman of the outfit says we'd do fine jes as we was. It was fierce—and, believe me, lady, I been through some! I been

coughin' up in that old one lung ma-chine—te get her expression right, so the bose kept hollerin'—why, I gets sick and tired. If there's anything do-

in' why, I'm game, but such monkey-in'! There was that picture machine idiot workin' the crank as if he was shellin' a thicket full of Injurs with a

Gatting and his fool cap turned round

"She didn't see no joke in that, so the

pay us at that, but I picks up the little

cture machine box and I swings her

p over the track kind of suggestive

fike. 'One!' said L 'Do we get our

"Drop that machine? says be, rush

"T'm a-goin' to, says I, 'good and hard. Think again while I count. Do

"Two!" says I, and I swings the box

up by the legs.

"Hole on!" yells the boss. Pay the mutt, Jimmy, and for Gord sake, get

that machine before he ruins the best

"But the bell and Moonstone can-

yon?" questioned Louise, glancing back at Boyar, grawing down the meadow. "Sure! Well, we sopped near here

"Uhuh. Let's see. You ain't hep to that, are you? Why, we crawled to the hay, hit the ferthers, pounded our

we get our money?"
"Tou get pinched!" says he.

reel we made yet!"

that night"-

growled the trump, scowling. "But that's a good poor you got, miss. That your saddle too?"

"You rope any?"
"A little. Hew did you know?"
"Rawhide cover to the saddle horn were with a rope," said Overland, sing himself to a second sandwich, hen the tramp and the girl, obliv-to everything else, discussed raw-e rights as compared with the reg-

de ristas as compared with the reglar three strand stock rope, or lariat
center fire, three quarter and double
ign, swell forks and old Visalia trees,
pade bits and U curbs—neither willas, even lightly, to admit the other's
inperiority of chosen rig.

The sandwiches gone, Louise profand Overland tobacco and papers.

Ctual tears stood in the ex-cowboy's
res. "Smokel Me?" he exclaimed. "I
res dyin' for it. I'd de time for you!"

Then in that begins spirit that never Then in that beyish spirit that never uits leaves the range rider Overland and took the tobacco and papers and deverity rolled a cigarette with one hand. In the other he held his battered felt hat. His eyes had a faraway lack as he reached forward and lighted his cigarette at the fire. "I was settin," on a crasy brone, holdin his land up so he couldn't go to buckin, outside a little old adobe down in Yama, Ariz, then," he explained, plancing at the girl. "Did you ever drift away complete like that, jest from some little old trick to make you dream?"

CHAPTER SIL



anything but decomposin' my and smokin' and writin' po'try." fro staumed and spluttered as artinguished it. Overland Red rwhere in Cultifornia, it bein' my
se exists and the best of the lot.
see Cellie, he's gettin' what you
t call a liberated education, full
in Mass—no disky stuff. Yes, I
d him up at Albuquorque, a half p at Albuquerque, a half my little cass that was

used to be. Well, in the morning me and Collie got some sardines and crackers to the store and a little coffee. It was goin' over there that we seen the I got kind of interested myself in that canyon. I never saw so many moonstones layin' right on top the gravel and I been in Mex too. We liked it, and we stayed over last night, expectin' to be gone by now." "And when you leave here?" queried Louise. "Same old thing," replied Overland cheerfully. "I know the ropes. Collie works by spells. Oh, we're livin', and that's all you need to do in California."

ear-er-went to bed! That's what it

"And that is all-now that you have found the road?" "Oh, the road is like all of them dreams," said Overland. "Such things are good for keepin' people interested in somethin' till it's done, that's all. It was fun at first lookin' up every arroyo and slit in the bills till we found it. Same as them marriages on the desert after that."

Sunday noon. We beat it for the next town afoot. Collie commenced to give out. He was pretty tender and not strong. I lugged him some, and he walked some. He was talkin' of green "Marriages?" "Uhuh. Seein' water what ain't there "Oh, mirages!" And Louise laughed

"I don't see no joke," said Overland, aggrieved.

"I really beg your pardon."
"That's all right, miss. But what would you call it?"

thing that seems to be, but that is not." "I don't see where it's got anything on marriages, then, do you? But I ain't generally peppermistic. I believe in folks and things, although I'm old

enough to know better."
"I'm glad you believe in folks," said "It's account of bein' a pote, I guess,"

sighed the tramp. "Course I ain't a professional. They got to have a license. I never took out one, not havin' the money. Anyway, if I did have enough money for a regular license I'd start a saloon and live respectable."
"Won't you quote something?" And the girl smiled bewitchingly. "Boyar and I must go soon. It's getting hot."

"I'm mighty sorry you're goin', miss.
You're real California stock. Knowed
it the minute I set eyes on you. Besides, you passed us the smokes."
"Red, you shut up?"
Overland turned a blue astonished
eye on Collie. "Why, kiddo, what's
bitin' you?"

"Because the lady give us the makings don't say she smokes, does it?"
Overland grunted. "Because you're foolish with the heat den't say I am, your head, Chico. Who said she did

Louise, grave eyed, watched the two men—Overland sullen and scowling, Collie fierce and flaming.

"We ain't used to—to real ladies," apologised Overland. "We could do better if we practiced up."

through some!

"They was two others in checker clothes and dip lid caps, and they wasn't native some. They sould like some of-I'd hate to tall you what, Miss,— to the chief folide in the show. They stole her bean and tied him to the S. F. tracks-kind of loose, though. She didn't seem to care. She jest "Of course," said Louise, smiling

"U-m-m, yes. The po'try. What'll give her, Collie?" "I don't care," replied the boy. "You might try 'Casey Jones.' It's better'n

That? I guess not! That ain't her style. I mean one of my own some

"Nope! But I guess the 'Grand Old Privilege' will do for a starter." "Oh; good?" And Louise clapped her ands. "The title is splendid. Is the

The tramp bowed a trifle haughtly. "Original? Me life's work, lady." And he awkwardly essayed to button a but-tonless coat, coughed, waved his half consumed cigarette toward the skies

Folks may we got no morals—that they all fell in the soup;
And no conscience—so the would be goodles say;
And I guess our good intentions did jest;
up and flew the coop.
While we stood around and watched 'em fade away.

But there's one thing that we're lovin' more than money, grub or booze, Or even decent folks that speaks us And that's the grand old privilege to chuck our luck and choose Any road at any time for anywhere.

And Overland, his hand above his neart, bowed effusively. "I like . 'would-be goodies,' " said Louise. "Sounds just like a mussy, sticky cookie that's too sweet. And

Any road at any time for anywhere'-I think that is real." Overland puffed his chest and cleared his throat. "I can't help it, miss. Born that way. Cut my first tooth on a book of pomes ma got for a premium with

"Well, thank you." And Louise nodded gayly. "Keep the tobacco and papers to remember me by. I must go." "We don't need them to remember the smile suddenly left his face.

Intruder on the Scene. OWN the Old Meadow traft, unseen by the girl and the boy. something at his hip glinted in the sun. Overland's hand went to his own hip. Then he shrugged his shoulders and slowly recovered himself. What's the use?" he muttered.

But there was that in his tone which brought Collie's head up. The lad pushed back his battered felt hat and ran his fingers through his wavy black hair perplexedly. "What's the matter, Red? What's the matter?"

"Nothin'. Jest thinkin'." Yet the tramp's eyes narrowed as he glanced furtively past the girl to where Boyar, the black nonv. grazed in the meadow. (To Be Continued.)

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"She didn't me no loke in that so the

was four years ago that I picked up the hose at Albuquerque. His pa d sudden and left the kid to find what a hand map this ele world is. heen across, from Prisco to New rit, twice those then, and from Seat-te Sch. Diago on the side and 'most to Sch. Diago on the side and 'most

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